

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
and
ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
May 19, 2003
Ken Lee Building Conference Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Reid John Chavez
 Teresa Thomas Pamela Bensoussan
 Stanley Jasek Theresa Acerro
 Allison Rolfe Laura Hunter
 Frank Ohrmund,

MEMBERS EXCUSED Susan Fuller, Juan R Diaz, Michael Beck

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Leiter, Director – Planning & Building
 Marilyn Pongeggi, Environmental Review Coordinator
 Paul Hellman, Environmental Projects Manager
 Duane Bazzel, Principal Planner
 Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:15p.m. and the Recording Secretary conducted the roll call.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

After some discussion, the motion was carried to approve the minutes of May 5, 2003, with the following text to be removed: “Marilyn Pongeggi cautioned the group to be careful in articulating motions and not to talk over one another as it creates difficulty in transcribing of the minutes and may result in some important content being lost.”

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Reid invited comments from the public. There were none at this time.

4. INFORMATION ITEM: DRAFT CITY OF CHULA VISTA GREENBELT MASTER PLAN

Duane Bazzel began his presentation by giving a brief background of Chula Vista’s Greenbelt, which is identified in the City’s adopted General Plan. He explained that the proposed Greenbelt Master Plan pulls together related plans and programs, including the Chula Vista Multiple Species Conservation Program Subarea Plan, the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, the Sweetwater Marsh Refuge and the Sweetwater and Otay Valley regional park systems. He described that the goals of the Plan are to establish a trails network providing

connectivity between parks, activity centers, and open space areas in and around Chula Vista, and to address the management of this system. Duane stated that the tentative schedule is to present the draft and final Plans to the Planning Commission on 5/28 and 7/9, respectively; the draft Plan to the Parks & Recreation Commission on 6/19; and the final Plan to the City Council on 7/29. Pam Bensoussan requested that the incorporation of public art into the system be considered for inclusion in the Plan. Theresa Thomas requested the final draft Plan be brought to the Resource Conservation Commission for their consideration prior to consideration by the Planning Commission. Laura Hunter suggested that State funding be sought to "soften" the banks of the Sweetwater River flood control channel, which would among other things help to improve the water quality of the Bay. A suggestion was made to include a figure in the Plan of the Greenbelt overlain with watershed areas and sensitive biological resource areas.

5. GPU ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES

Marilyn Pongeggi began this part of the meeting by continuing the discussion of historical resources from the previous meeting. She stated that the archaeological resources baseline study would be revised to address historic era resources as well as prehistoric resources by discussing the work of the ad hoc committee on historic preservation and through the identification of locally designated historical resources as well as notable non-designated, important historical resources within the General Plan area. She invited the members to identify any historic resources to be identified in the study, other than the Salt Works, Rohr Manor and the Adobe; the Subcommittee's suggestions were recorded by staff (see Attachment I). The members were directed to email any additional suggestions to staff to be considered for inclusion in the study.

Charly Bull of RECON presented the Natural Hazards/Geology Baseline Study. Following the presentation of the Natural Hazards/Geology Baseline Study, the Chair solicited comments from the Subcommittee members.

Charly then presented the Solid & Hazardous Waste/Hazardous Materials. Following the presentation of the Solid & Hazardous Waste/Hazardous Materials Baseline Study, the Chair solicited comments from the Subcommittee members, which staff recorded (see Attachment I). Due to time constraints and the lack of a quorum after 6:00 p.m., the discussion of this subject was continued to the next scheduled meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Subcommittee agreed to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on June 2nd.

Recorded by,
Rabbia Phillip
Recording Secretary